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TOWN OFFICERS.

MODERATOR,
GREENLEAF CLARKE.

TOWN CLERK,
S. BURLEY MASON.

REPRESENTATIVE,
HERMON NOYES.

SELECTMEN,
ENOCH P. HOITT. STEPHEN C. P. TREFRY.
CHARLES FERNALD.

TREASURER,
WELLMAN W. HATCH.

COLLECTOR,
WILLIAM T. BRAGDON.

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
JOHN DOW.

AUDITORS,
ISAAC R. HOVEY. FRANK W. RICHARDS.
ROBERT M. BIRMINGHAM.

CONSTABLE,
CHARLES FERNALD.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

VALUATION OF THE TOWN, APRIL 1, 1881.

Land and buildings,	\$240,390 00
Number of polls, 152; value,	15,200 00
Number of Horses, 113; value,	7,395 00
Number of neat stock, oxen, 26; cows, 390; value,	12,089 00
Sheep,	35 00
Carriages,	1,620 00
Stock in trade,	8,175 00
Stock in public funds,	6,200 00
Mills,	1,000 00
Money at interest,	33,243 00
Hogs' value,	159 00

Total valuation,	\$325,506 00
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Resident valuation,	272,454 00
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Non-resident valuation,	53,052 00
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On which valuation the Selectmen have assessed the following amount, at one dollar and eight cents per one hundred dollars :

State tax,	\$712 00
County tax,	1,064 33
Town tax,	1,000 00
Schools,	623 00
Percentage,	118 01

	\$3,517 34
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Non-resident highway tax, 30 cents per \$100,	158 92
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Dog tax,	45 00
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Total amount in Collector's warrant,	\$3,721 26
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The Selectmen have also received and paid into the treasury the following sums :

Railroad tax,	\$75 20
Savings bank tax,	61 73
Literary fund,	23 22
County Rockingham, (paupers)	309 91
Heirs of William Bassett,	168 29
Received from sale of reports and pamphlet laws,	50 00

Whole amount received for the year,	\$688 35
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The Selectmen have given orders on the Treasurer as follows :

SCHOOLS.

Conley's school tax, (Salem)	\$ 2 08
District No. 1, C. F. Noyes,	150 00
" 2, W. M. Thomas,	150 00
" 3, Chas. Fernald,	150 00
" 4, C. S. Hoitt,	150 00
" 5, J. A. Hall,	150 00
Total,	\$752 08

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

WM. T. BRAGDON'S LIST, 1881.

Edward McCauly, left the State,	\$1 08
Hugh McCauly, " "	1 08
Nelson E. Noyes, taxed elsewhere,	1 08
William H. Richards, " "	1 08
James H. Robinson, left town,	1 08
Fred L. Searle, " "	1 08
James Wentworth, left the state,	1 08
Charles Dow,	69

Amount carried forward,	\$8 25
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Amount brought forward,	\$8 25
James Knight, dog tax, taxed elsewhere,	1 00
George Wright, dog tax, 1880,	1 00
S. P. Foote, overtax, 1880,	5 00
Nathaniel H. Clark, overtax, 1881,	1 38
John K. Mason, real estate, 1880,	10 84
Chas. A. Knight, tax on lumber sold,	2 03
George Knight, (estate of) overtax,	4 2
Harriet W. Fernald, over valuation, 1880,	3 85
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	\$37 67

NON-RESIDENT HIGHWAY TAX.

F. W. Emerson, Dist. No. 10,	\$45 76
S. C. P. Trefry, " 7,	35 52
E. P. Hoitt, " 9,	14 00
John Pettengill, " 11,	3 30
N. H. Russell, " 9,	3 75
M. B. Stevens, " 7,	4 70
F. W. Emerson, " 10,	5 50
John Little, " 8,	1 50
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	\$114 03

SNOW BILLS.

Greenleaf Clarke, Dist. No. 4,	\$14 25
D. W. Goodnow, " 2,	22 00
F. W. Emerson, " 10,	23 47
John Pettengill, " 11,	6 30
N. H. Russell: " 9,	12 14
Albert Little, " 7,	30 75
C. B. Sargent, jr., " 1,	12 53
J. H. Noyes " 3,	12 50
Geo. P. Dow, " 5,	11 75
James Knight, " 6,	12 00
John Little, " 8,	12 74
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	\$170 43

TOWN OFFICERS.

Samuel G. Chandler, auditor, 1881,	\$ 3 00
Samuel B. Mason, town clerk,	11 00
W. W. Hatch, treasurer,	20 00
Wm T. Bragdon, collector,	40 00
John Dow, superintending school committee,	20 00
Charles Fernald, selectman,	32 00
S. C. P. Trefry, “	45 00
E. P. Hoitt, “	60 00
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	\$231 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Repairs on hearse,	\$ 1 00
Morse & Son, printing reports, 1880,	18 00
J. H. Noyes, wood and care of town hall, two years,	3 00
E. P. Hoitt, stationery,	5 50
N. H. Russell, land damage,	30 00
E. P. Hoitt, expense to Exeter, etc.,	5 35
Albert Little, work on bridge,	7 50
Richard Greenough, (heirs of) land damage,	26 00
Gilman Greenough, “	7 00
Greenleaf Clarke, (trustee) rent of hall,	30 00
John Dow, ringing bell,	30 00
C. B. Sargent, land damage, Dist No. 1,	15 00
George P. Dow, watering trough,	3 00
W. W. Hatch, expense paying state and county tax,	7 00
Charles Fernald, stationery,	2 60
W. W. Hatch, interest on account,	2 69
Charles Fernald, bounty on crows,	50
Charles Fernald, fuel for town hall,	2 50
Charles Fernald, perambulating Derry town line,	2 00
S. C. P. Trefry, perambulating Derry & Plaistow town lines,	4 00
E. P. Hoitt, perambulating Plaistow town line,	2 00
E. P. Hoitt, paid for surveying Derry town line,	2 00
E. P. Hoitt, “ “ Plaistow “	2 31
Chas. Fernald, furnishing guide post and putting up same,	1 50
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	\$210 45

SUPPORT OF POOR.

E. P. Hoitt, goods bought for Wm. Cyr,	\$14 85
J. K. Mason, care of Wm. Cyr,	54 00
C. E. Dow, care of Mrs. Nelson,	39 00
C. F. Noyes, wood furnished Wm. Cyr,	9 75
E. B. Pike, medical attendance on poor,	76 00
J. W. Peasley, board of Wm. Cyr,	4 50
Henry Noyes, meat furnished Wm. Cyr,	9 78
E. P. Hoitt, expense of getting Mrs. Nelson to hospital,	14 00
George P. Dow, goods furnished Wm. Cyr,	42 36
S. C. P. Trefry, repairs on house of Wm. Cyr,	41 17
Charles Fernald, potatoes furnished Wm. Cyr,	3 00
S. C. P. Trefry, two pairs shoes for family of Wm. Cyr,	1 50
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	\$309 91

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

Charles Fernald, services,	\$5 00
S. C. P. Trefry, "	4 00
E. P. Hoyt, "	18 95
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	\$27 95

State tax,	\$ 712 00
County tax,	1,064 33

DOW vs TOWN.

Marston & Eastman, counsel fees,	\$178 00
Execution,	577 32
Witness fees and travel,	85 20
E. P. Hoitt, services and expenses.	51 24
S. C. P. Trefry, " "	19 40
S. S. Shannon, " "	7 65
Chas. Fernald, " "	6 00
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	\$924 81

RECAPITULATION.

Schools,	\$752 08
Abatement of taxes,	37 67
Non-resident highway tax,	114 03
Snow bills,	170 43
Town officers,	231 00
Miscellaneous,	210 45
Support of poor,	309 91
Overseers of poor,	27 95
State tax,	712 00
County Tax,	1,064 33
Dow vs. Town,	924 81
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	\$4,554 66
Whole amount received from all sources,	\$4,409 61
Whole amount paid on orders, less \$200 paid on the town debt,	4,354 66
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Leaving a balance in favor of the town,	\$54 95

HIGHWAY TAXES.

The Selectmen have also assessed the valuation of the town at the rate of 30 cents on \$100, for the support of highways, and apportioned the money as follows :

District No. 1,	Charles B. Sargent, jr.,	\$128 06
" 2,	Daniel W. Goodnow,	123 53
" 3,	James H. Noyes,	82 73
" 4,	Greenleaf Clarke,	155 31
" 5,	George P. Dow,	102 48
" 6,	James Knight,	47 79
" 7	Moses B. Stevens,	52 63
" 8,	John Little,	36 12
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Amount carried forward,		\$728 65

Amount brought forward,	\$728 65
District No. 9, Nathan H. Russell,	25 77
“ 10, Frank W. Emerson,	60 51
“ 11, John Pettingill,	27 73
“ 12, Richard B. Gove,	24 97
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	\$867 63

One hundred and nine dollars and forty-eight cents, part of the non-resident tax, was reserved by the Selectmen, and appropriated on the districts where it seemed to be needed.

All bills and liabilities in connection with the late law suit, have been settled, and there are no outstanding bills of any description against the town. The entire liabilities of the town are four notes of \$500 each, on which the interest has been paid up to this date. To meet this, there are available cash assets of \$353.78, which leaves the net indebtedness of the town, \$1,646 22.

Respectfully submitted,

ENOCH P. HOITT,	} Selectmen.
STEPHEN C. P. TREFRY,	
CHARLES FERNALD,	

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

Dr.

To amount committed to me for collection,	\$3,721 26
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By Treasurer's receipts,	3,408 26
By non-residents' highway tax receipts,	50 37

Total amount paid in,	\$3,458 63
Balance in the hands of Collector,	262 63

WILLIAM T. BRAGDON, Collector.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Report of the Treasurer, for the year ending March 1, 1882.

The Treasurer charges himself as follows :

To cash on hand March 1, 1881,	\$324 74
“ received of Collector, 1879,	50 98
“ “ “ 1880,	260 03
“ “ “ 1881,	3,408 26
“ “ State Treasurer, railroad tax,	75 20
“ “ “ “ savings bank tax,	61 73
“ “ “ “ literary fund,	23 22
“ “ on town note,	500 00
“ “ from County, on account of poor,	309 91
“ “ “ Mrs. L. C. A. Peck, amount paid by town for the support of Wm. Bassett,	168 29
To cash received from the Selectmen, for the sale of old reports and pamphlet laws,	50 00
To cash received of Selectmen for choice of lots in the cemetery,	12 00
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	\$5,244 36

The Treasurer credits himself as follows :

By amount paid on town notes,	\$500 00
Interest on town notes,	108 82
Amount paid on orders,	4,554 66
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	80 88
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	\$5,244 36

TOWN LIABILITIES.

Sundry notes,	\$2000 00
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ASSETS.

Cash in the treasury March 1, 1882,	\$ 80 88
Cash in hands of Collector of 1881,	263 00
Due from the state for bounties,	9 90
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	\$353 78
Balance against the town March 1, 1882,	1,646 22
There is also a claim against the United States, of	1,285 60
which, if reckoned, would make the balance	
against the town,	360 62

W. W. HATCH, Treasurer,

ATKINSON, March 3, 1882.

The foregoing is a correct statement of the financial condition of the town, March 1st, 1882, as appears from the books of the Selectmen, Collector, and Treasurer. We find the accounts correctly kept, and supported by the proper vouchers.

ISAAC R. HOVEY,
ROBERT M. BIRMINGHAM, } Auditors.

SCHOOL REPORT.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

CYRUS F. NOYES, Prudential Committee.

The first term of nine weeks, and four weeks of a second term of this school, was taught by Miss Dora E. Berney, who on account of sickness was compelled to leave the school. A third term of eleven weeks was taught by Miss Mary E. Spollett. Whole number of pupils attending first and second terms, fourteen; third term, fifteen; average daily attendance first and second terms, six; third term, ten; number of visits by parents and citizens, twenty-three. Wages paid per month, \$24; amount appropriated to this school, \$150; cost for each enrolled scholar, \$11.53.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

WM. M. THOMAS, Prudential Committee.

The school in this district was taught by Miss Mary L. Thomas, in two terms, of twelve and ten weeks. Wages paid per month, \$24; whole number of pupils attending first term, twelve; second term, ten; average daily attendance first term, nine; second term, eight; number of visits by parents and citizens, thirty-three; amount appropriated to this school, \$150.00; cost for each enrolled scholar, \$12.50.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

CHARLES FERNALD, Prudential Committee.

This school was taught by Miss Rachel S. Corliss, in two terms of ten and eleven weeks, respectively. Wages paid per month, \$28 00; whole number of pupils attending first term, twenty-two; second term, nineteen; average daily attendance, eighteen for

both terms ; number of visits by parents and citizens, forty-six ; amount appropriated to this school, \$150.00 ; cost for each enrolled scholar, \$6.85.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

CHARLES S. HOITT, Prudential Committee.

This school was taught two terms of twelve weeks each by Miss Mary E. Tabor ; wages paid per month, \$18.00 ; whole number of pupils attending both terms, six ; average daily attendance, four and one-half. A third term of six weeks and three days was taught by Miss C. A. Churchill ; wages paid per month, \$24 ; whole number of pupils, six ; average daily attendance, five and three fourths ; number of visits by parents and citizens, forty-four during the three terms ; amount appropriated to this school, \$150 ; cost for each scholar, \$25.00.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

JOHN A. HALL, Prudential Committee.

The school in this district was taught by Miss Emma F. Chace in two terms of eleven and fourteen weeks, respectively. Wages paid per month, \$22 for the first term and \$23 for the second ; whole number of pupils attending first term, eleven ; second term, nine ; average daily attendance for the first term, eight, second term, six ; number of visits by parents and citizens, twenty-six ; amount appropriated to this school, \$150 ; cost for each scholar, \$13.64.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Including the names of all pupils who have been present every half day of a term without being tardy.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

FIRST TERM.

ALLIE C. BARNARD.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

FIRST TERM.

ADDIE F. TILTON.

SECOND TERM.

WILBER W. SMITH.
BERTIE E. SMITH.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

FIRST TERM.

ALICE F. STEEL.
HATTIE J. GORDON.
EMMA F. KNIGHT.
EVERETT H. POOR.
SYDNEY S. GORDON.
MARY L. NOYES.
CHARLES H. NOYES.
WILLIE E. NOYES.
JOSIAH I. WRIGHT.

SECOND TERM.

ALICE F. STEEL.
HATTIE J. GORDON.
EMMA F. KNIGHT.
EVERETT H. POOR.
SYDNEY S. GORDON.
LUCINDA J. NOYES.
MINA C. GORDON.
WALTER S. NOYES.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

FIRST TERM.

ANNA G. HOITT.

SECOND TERM.

ELLA M. HOITT.
ANNA G. HOITT.

The schools the past year, taken as a whole, are in excellent condition, and are perhaps as good as they can be under the present system. If you would like to make a great improvement in them, reduce the number of school districts in town to two, and allow your Superintendent to employ the teachers, and hold him strictly accountable for the exercise of this power. It is nearly impossible to attach too great importance to our common schools. Many a young man starts out in the world with no other education than what is obtained in our common schools. With present facilities, who can predict the future of an American boy or girl.

The child of poverty to-day, may become the self-reliant merchant prince. The day laborer in a machine shop may shortly control the railroad interests of a vast country: The ordinary, though thoughtful boy of to-day may to-morrow startle the world by his wonderful inventions, while the child of wealth and influence may dishonor himself and disgrace his friends. How can special training be given for that which cannot be foretold? Are we expecting too much from our common schools? When the fact is recognized that it is mainly in the home that the habits are formed, and the character moulded for good or evil, its influence upon the school will be better appreciated, a hearty co-operation between the family and school deemed more essential, and the school less censured for failure in attempts to make the perversely ignorant willingly wise.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN DOW, Supt. of Schools.

